

REMARKS

Prior to consideration to the merits, please consider the enclosed amendment.

Claims 1-63 are pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is adding to the specification and amending Figure 28B as previously filed but not labeled. No new matter has been added.

More particularly, this is a preliminary amendment in which the Applicant has amended page 35 of the specification to remove an incomplete sentence and to add a reference to the following claims. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Notification that Fig. 28B was omitted from the application, Applicant respectfully submits the amended Fig. 28B indicating, in red ink, the title of the page as Fig. 28B. This figure without the title was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with the non-provisional application papers on February 4, 2002. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION


A favorable first office action is hereby respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conversation with Applicants' representative would expedite prosecution, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1,078.00 for the filing fee, petition fee and surcharge fee. Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Carole A. Boelitz, Reg. No. 48,938
Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.
600 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, MA 02210
Telephone (617) 720-3500

Docket No. H0649/7001
Dated: May 1, 2002
x05/1/02
